in all respect and approved on the basis of *inter-se* priority and funds released subject to availability under respective head.

No proposal from the Government of Rajasthan for development and promotion of tourism complete in all respects is pending with the Ministry of Tourism.

Implementation of projects is the responsibility of the State Government. The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India monitors the progress of the projects from time to time through review meetings and inspection visits by officers of the Ministry.

Exploration of places of Ramayana age in Sri Lanka

†86. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that places connected with Shri Ram, Sita, Ravan and Hanumanji have been found in Sri Lanka during the exploration being carried out by Government of Sri Lanka;

(b) if so, the details of the results of exploration made till date;

(c) whether Government is considering to extend co-operation in the exploration of the places connected with Shri Ram, Sita, Ravan and Hanumanji taking inspiration from Government of Sri Lanka;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (e) The Ministry of Culture has no information regarding such archaeological explorations by the Government of Sri Lanka.

Depletion of water table

87. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the blocks or districts in the country that have been included in the dark zone following depletion of water table there;

(b) whether any steps like the recharging process have been initiated in these districts; and

(c) if so, with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) As per the assessment of ground water resources carried out by Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) jointly with States in 2004, out of 5723 assessment units (Blocks/Mandals/Talukas) in the country, 839 units have been categorized as 'Over-exploited', 226 units as 'Critical' and 550 as 'Semi-critical'.

(b) and (c) The measures taken for promoting rain water harvesting and artificial recharge include demonstrative recharge projects, scheme for "Artificial Recharge to ground water

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